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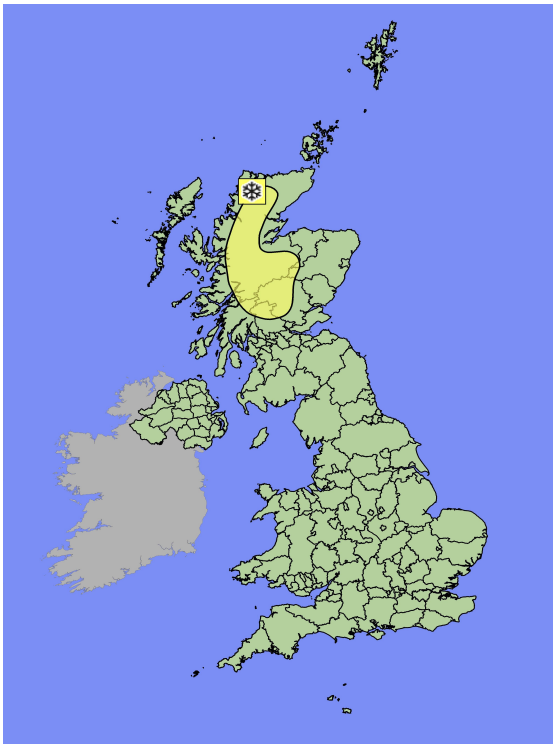

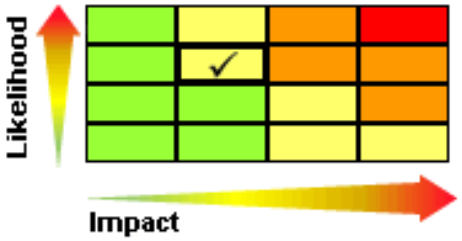

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An area of low pressure is expected to transfer east to the north of Scotland, drawing cold, showery air around its southern flank. Showers will turn to snow at higher levels, with some significant accumulations possible by New Years Day morning. Accompanying strong winds will lead to drifting on high level routes, with blizzard conditions over mountains. Ice will be an additional hazard on some surfaces. Some sleet, snow and hail may reach lower levels in the heavier showers, but is not expected to settle.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **18:00 on Mon, 31st Dec 2012** until **12:00 on Tue, 01st Jan 2013**

Showers will turn increasingly to snow on high ground during New Years Eve afternoon and continue overnight and through until the middle of New Years Day. The heaviest falls are expected on ground above 300 m in the west of the highlighted area, where 5-10 cm of fresh snow is expected. In heavier showers some temporary slight accumulations are possible down to 200 m. Ice will be an additional hazard on some surfaces.

The public should be aware of the potential for some disruption to travel.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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